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The Pentagon Is Burning!

Southwest residents could look across the Potomac from their apartment windows or at ground level to see thick black clouds of smoke rising from The Pentagon.

We're used to watching the fireworks on the Mall on July 4 by looking out the window or down the street,

but this was different. The TV pictures of the Pentagon burning could be verified just by looking past the sailboats and cruisers docked along Water St. S.W., on beyond Hains Point to the other side of the Potomac River. Frightening. Unsettling. September 11, 2001. ■



Southwest ANC 2-D Chair Andy Litsky, standing at left, gives his suggestions to the Ward 6 advisory group on ANC boundaries.

Also standing is Task Force Chair Chuck Burger. At the table with his back to the camera is ANC 2D member Roger Moffatt, who was taking minutes for the group. On the right, looking at Litsky, is ANC 2D Commissioner Ahmed Assalaam. Other SW members of the task force are not visible in the picture.

Southwest ANC May Extend To Navy Yard

As Southwest joins with Capitol Hill in a new Ward 6, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) boundaries are being redrawn. Ward 6 will probably have four ANCs, each with a population between 14,000 and 20,000.

The ANC area that will include Southwest, will have to pick up addi-

tional population East of South Capitol Street, perhaps extending to the west edge of The Navy Yard.

A 20-member task force from the new Ward 6 has been meeting and will make recommendations to the Council of the District of Columbia by Sep. 27. ■

President Bush Speaks At Navy Yard



President George W. Bush speaks at the Washington Navy Yard.

President Bush appeared Sep. 10 with visiting Prime Minister of Australia John Howard at a ceremony on the lawn of the Washington

Navy Yard, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the ANZUS treaty between Australia, New Zealand and the U.S. ■

Public Housing Is Topic For SWNA

Continued renovation of Greenleaf Extension grounds will be the main topic of the monthly meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly on Monday, Sep. 24 at 7:30 pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W. ■

Special Election For ANC 2-D02

As The Southwester goes to press, Southwest's ANC 2D has not selected a place for its October 15th meeting, but there will be a ballot box for an election to fill the single member district ANC2D02, vacated by Trevor Saccante.

Only registered voters living in the 2D02 area can vote at that meeting, and must carry a photo ID or voter's card and have their name on the voter registration list to be supplied by the Office of Election and Ethics.

Candidates are Charles W. Hargrave and Jim Dougherty. ■

Mayor's Summit, Oct 6

Southwest residents are encouraged to attend and express their opinions at another citywide summit being held by Mayor Anthony Williams on Sat. Oct. 6 from 9 am to 4 pm in the Washington Convention Center located on 9th and I (Eye) St. N.W. ■

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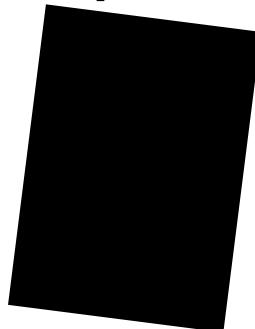
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District Gets A's, B's and C's In Ratings

Washington, D.C. had its ups and downs in the 2001 report card called "Kid-Friendly Cities".

An A+ went to Washington for Health Improvement.

- In Community Life, the District had an A based on parks, libraries and children's programs. In Public Safety, Washington had a B, with a crime rate close to the median for large cities.

In Education, the District was given a grade of B-. A favorable factor is the smaller class sizes—more than 10% below those of other large cities

The Economics grade for Washington was B—with more affordable housing better than in other cities, but higher unemployment rate.

Two C minus grades were received in Environment, where Washington has twice as many bad-air days as the median, and in Health, where Washington had the third highest percentage of low weight births.

The Kid-Friendly Cities Report Card 2001 is issued by Zero Population Growth, a D.C.-based non-profit group.

More details are available on their web site, www.kidfriendlycities.org. ■

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Southwest Community Calendar

October 2001

Mon.	Oct. 1	SWNA Board , Waterside Mall 7 pm
Tues.	Oct. 2	CAC , Police Hdqtrs, 415 4th St. S.W. 7 pm
Wed.	Oct. 3	WWCA Meeting at Harbor Patrol , 6th & Water St.
Sat.	Oct. 6	PSA 110 Walkathon with Police . 11 am 240 M St. S.W.
Sat.	Oct. 6	Mayor's Summit , 9 am to 4 pm, Convention Center, 9th and G St. N.W.
Sat.	Oct. 6	Komen Toastmasters Club 10 am S.W. Branch Library 920 Wesley Pl SW
Mon.	Oct. 8	COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY
Mon.	Oct. 8	Yard Sale 10 am to 3 pm St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th St. & Maine Ave. S.W.
Wed.	Oct. 10	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 pm S.W. Branch Library, 920 Wesley Pl
Wed.	Oct. 10	Chamber Music 7:30 pm. St. Augustine's Church, 6th and Maine Ave. SW
Mon.	Oct. 15	Advisory Neighborhood Comm. 2D Meeting 7 pm, Place to be announced
Thurs.	Oct. 18	PSA 110 Partnership with Police 7 pm Westminster Church, 4001 I (Eye) St. S.W.
Fri.	Oct. 19	Police Awards Banquet 7:30 pm Holiday Inn On The Hill, 415 New Jersey Ave. N.W. Refreshments 6:30 pm
Mon.	Oct. 22	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly public meeting, 7:30 pm St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W.
Wed.	Oct. 24	Fil-Am Toastmasters , 6:45pm S.W. Branch Library

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. October 3 to C.W. Hargrave 554-8284.

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Flood Emergency Crews Set Up In Waterside Mall

The severe flooding in parts of Washington, D.C. in August brought quick action from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in response to the presidential declaration of a disaster.

A temporary emergency command and control office was set up in former EPA office space in Waterside Mall at 401 M St. S.W.

About 100 FEMA employees from around the country came to process claims for help from the President's Disaster Relief Fund and under the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Red Cross, U.S. Small Business Administration, and several District and federal agencies are all playing their parts in disaster relief for the flood victims. ■

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Wire-less Office Set Up By FEMA

The emergency office set up by FEMA in Waterside Mall was prepared quickly, without stringing wires from office to office. Modern technology with cell phones and laptops with radio connections make the wire-less office possible.

Black Diamond Computers in Waterside Mall is one of the firms that FEMA's national headquarters at 500 C. St. S.W. contracts with to keep its computer networks upgraded with the latest developments. ■

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Letter
To the Editor

Taxable Refund?

Aug. 27, 2001

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the story in the September Southwester indicating that the District of Columbia will subject to income tax the IRS tax refunds paid this summer pursuant to the Tax Reduction Act. This apparent position of the DC Tax Office seems so wrong to me that I have requested from them a ruling, in writing, as to whether they conclude that the refund is or is not taxable. I can think of no credible theory supporting taxation. I have been a tax attorney for many years, including being an attorney with the Internal Revenue Service. Anyone interested in this important issue can call me at 202-554-3467.

Sincerely,
Richard B. Treanor, Esq.

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Plans For New Recreation Bldg. Move Forward

By Rick Bardach

The D.C. Dept. of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is moving forward with its plans to build a new recreation building on the grounds of the present King-Greenleaf Recreation Center at 201 N St. SW. The building will NOT be built on the large field where football, baseball, and other sports are played, but it will be built facing First Street near the corner of N Street, where the outdoor cement skating area and picnic area are now located.

Like other buildings being built for DPR, it will have a large multi-purpose room that could accommodate a basket-

ball court and some bleachers. This room could be used for many other activities, from volleyball, to karate, to dance, to meetings. The building would also have five rooms that could be used for a wide variety of purposes, as determined by the DPR program operators in consultation with involved community members.

The DPR hired a developer, the Jair Lynch Consulting/Alpha Corporation Joint Venture. The developer has made two initial presentations at community meetings and promises at least two more during the next six months while the

building is being designed in detail. It will report on the plan development and seek community input.

At their most recent meeting, on August 9, over 20 people were present. The clear consensus of the group was to support the basic presentation.

Representing the developer, Mr. Jair Lynch estimated the following time frame: About 6 months to fully design the building in detail, then two to three months for city approval construction permits, then 12 months for construction. Thus, assuming a fairly smooth process (which does not always happen

in the construction business), a ribbon-cutting ceremony could be scheduled for May, 2003.

DPR has \$4million authorized to build this facility. If the building should require additional funds, as some people have suggested, such funds might require the Mayor to go through the normal yearly budgetary process.

For updated information, one can also contact the Director at the King-Greenleaf Center (727-5454). ■

Book Fair At State Dept. Two Oct. Weekends

Collectors of all types will again head for the State Department building on C St. between 21st and 23rd St. N.W. for the annual Book Fair, Sat. and Sun. Oct. 13, 14, 20 and 21 from 10 am to 4 pm each day.

Visa and Master Card are accepted, and Sun. Oct. 21 everything will be half-price.

"Art & Collectibles, Used Books of All Kinds,



Stamps & Coins, Call 202-223-5796," say the fliers.

There is no admission charge. Proceeds go to scholarships and local charities.

The sale being on weekends only, there is ample street parking on C St. N.W. and side streets. The Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro Station is three blocks away. ■

An example of art for sale at the Book Fair at the State Department building in October is this Ethiopian hand-carved mahogany statuette of a Coptic priest. Mrs. Leslie Dorman, a resident of Riverside in Southwest, is a member of the Associates of the American Foreign Service Worldwide, sponsors of the sale.



Margaret Feldman examines the start of work on murals in the 12th St. tunnels under the S.W. Freeway.

Murals In 12th St. Tunnels Progress

Work has begun on the installation of colorful ceramic tile murals in the 12th St. "Gateway" under the Southwest Freeway from the Mall to the Southwest Waterfront.

The large white tiles along both

walls of the two tunnels will be replaced with designs made by small colored tiles. The work is being carried out with an Art In Public Spaces grant from the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities. ■

SW Remembers Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

With Arena Stage's new production of "Eleanor: Her Secret Journey" with Jean Stapleton playing Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Southwest is reminded of Eleanor Roosevelt's interest in our neighborhood and in the people of Washington, D.C. generally.

Shown here are two pictures. One is of President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 aboard the Presidential Yacht Sequoia, which is no longer privately owned and moored at the Gangplank Marina on the Southwest Waterfront.

The other is from 1959, 15 years after

the President's death. A resident of the newly opened Greenleaf public housing is showing the new oven in her apartment to Mrs. Roosevelt.

"Eleanor" will be performed at the Kreeger Theatre of Arena Stage from Sep. 28 through Nov. 18, 2001. ■



Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was photographed visiting Greenleaf Gardens in Southwest in 1959.



President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor are shown aboard the Presidential Yacht Sequoia in 1933.

Letter To the Editor

What Do We Call the Southwest?

August 30, 2001

Dear Southwester,

What to call our neighborhood? A century and a half ago it was called "Tiber Island." After the redevelopment of the 1950s it was the "New Southwest." More recently, we call it "Near Southwest," differentiating it from "Far Southwest" across the Anacostia.

[Ed. The writer's list of attractions around The Mall is omitted for lack of space]

And Southwest, where is it?

It is right here, within walking distance of the heart of the nation's capital. We aren't just near downtown, we are part of it. We live in "DOWNTOWN SOUTHWEST."

Sincerely,
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Landscaping Starts At Greenleaf Ext.

Long overdue landscaping in Greenleaf Gardens Extension is set to start this fall. \$150,000 has been set aside now for the following:

- Removing concrete, sodding of back yards and fencing at 904 thru 918 3rd St. S.W. and 243 thru 233 K St SW.
- Also, the rear parking area – repairing concrete, sidewalks, pot holes, and marking parking spaces.
- Removing concrete and placing sod and fencing for front and back yards of 217 thru 223 K St. SW and 225 thru 231 K St. SW.
- In court yard area, removing tree stumps on K St. S.W. and repairing concrete and black top area.
- For utility rooms at the side near the alleyway of 118 3rd St. S.W., 1004 3rd St. S.W. and 904 3rd St. S.W., replacing concrete floors, metal doors and repairing holes in ceiling.
- Replacing clothesline posts. ■

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Tenants Finally Get The Ear Of City Authority

Persistence by Greenleaf Gardens Extension residents is paying off with the start of much-needed landscaping at the housing complex between Third St. and Maryland Ave. S.W. and from I (Eye) St. to M St. S.W.

On August 17, Mrs. Tracey B. Hooks, president of the Greenleaf Resident Council, and Michael P. Kelly, executive director of the D.C. Housing Authority, walked through the property and observed the state of disrepair of many of the yards, courts and parking areas.

Although it is estimated that \$1 million will be needed to finish the renovation of the complex started years ago, \$150,000 has been committed to start work now, after a second walkthrough on Sep. 4 involved the Rock Creek Regional Director and Director of Facilities.

Ms. Hooks credits the diligent work of property manager Ms. Dorothy Glenn and of tenant Mrs. Bobbie McMahon for helping to get things moving.

Ms. Hooks, who lives at 205 L St. S.W., can be reached at 202-724-2152. ■

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Captain Alan Dreher, left, and First District Commander Kim Dine talk to Council Member Kathy Patterson after she spoke to the Citizens Advisory Council in September.

Council Member Patterson Talks At 1st Dist. CAC

Homicide investigations by the Metropolitan Police Dept. are "clearly deficient," according to a report distributed by Council Member Kathy Patterson at the September meeting of the Citizens Advisory Commission for the First District.

As Chair of the Council Committee on the Judiciary, she conducted a hearing earlier in the year, recommending:

- Rigorous standards for detective selection, retention, and promotion;

- Extensive and continuous training;
- Detailed standard operating procedures that outline the essential steps in an investigation;
- Regular and thorough case review by supervisors experienced in investigations, and an objective performance evaluation system that identifies and removes poor performers and identifies and rewards strong performers. ■

Police Awards Fri., Oct. 19

The annual awards banquet honoring police of the First District, which includes Southwest and Capitol Hill, will be held Fri., Oct. 19, at 7:30 pm (refreshments at 6:30 pm) in the Holiday Inn On The Hill at 415 New Jersey Ave. N.W. (across from the Hyatt Regency—Metrorail – Union Station, three blocks away).

Tickets for \$30 are available at the regular monthly meeting of the Citizens Advisory Council, Tues. Oct. 2 at First District Headquarters, 415 4th St SW, or from Lt. Kishter at 1D headquarters, 727-9353. ■



Children from the Amidon Before/After Care program attend the end of summer program at the Southwest Branch Library. Each student explains a story from one of the books read during the summer. Others listen while enjoying their party.

Redskins Help Renovate Local Eyesore

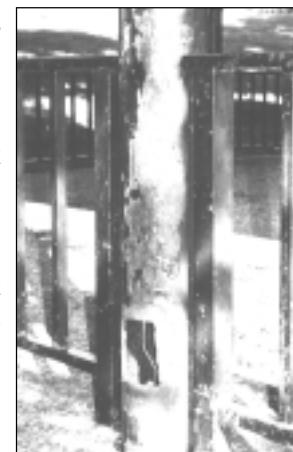
The Washington Redskins have put up \$100 and the chance to win several thousand dollars in prizes—to help local youth jump-start a community service project to renovate the bandstand at Lansburg Park, which is across the street from Greenleaf Gardens Extension on Delaware Ave. S.W. at the end of L St. S.W.

On Saturday, Sep. 22, scrapers and wire brushes and young muscle will prepare the ten 15 ft. high support columns that are covered with rust and peeling paint.

The \$100 is in the form of a voucher valid at Home Depot for supplies. The Department of Parks and Recreation has supplied 15 gallons of paint. Bill Wooby of the nearby Millennium Art Center will supply safety goggles, work gloves, ladders, scrapers, wire brushes, paint brushes and instructions.

Volunteer young workers ages 5 to 18 are putting together their own "All-Star" team with parents from Greenleaf Extension and youth leaders to tackle this community service project.

Call Greenleaf Extension Resident



Council President Tracey B. Hooks at 724-2152 to volunteer for the work.

The band stand is located in the center of the park and gets used for disco equipment, bands, amateur singers and dancers, and speakers at such community events as Family Day in August.

Prize money (to be reinvested in the community) will go to winning projects that "demonstrate creativity,

uniqueness and a strong sense of community pride," according to the "Washington Redskins Leadership Council," founded by Redskins owner Daniel M. Snyder. ■

Summer Reading Program Ends

Dozens of Southwest youngsters finished their summer reading and had a party with prizes at the Southwest Branch Library. The theme had been "Buggy About Reading." ■

Washington Video ad pick up from Sept.

2 Wins, A Tie, One Loss For #4

By Alvin Hudgens

Four games in one Saturday at King-Greenleaf Field gave Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Club #4 a good start for the 2001 football season.

Smoke from the grill for the hotdogs filled the air. Hundreds of Southwest fans—some with their own beach chairs—cheered the Viking teams.

The 105 lb. Junior Midget team—last year's city champions—beat Woodland 33 to 0. Behind George Washington's eight carries 145 yards rushing, the Vikings displayed last year's record-book offense and defense talents. A blocked punt led to the Vikings' first touchdown.

The Viking Mitey Mite (65 lb) team had the most exciting shootout of the day. The final score was Club #4 25, Club #6 25, with touchdowns coming from everywhere and everybody. Practices for each team will be defense, you can be sure.

Coach Jimmy Miles said, "I wish I could have played offense all day."

First game of the day was the 75 lb. Junior Peewees of Club #4 against the Dolphins of Uptown, N.W. The powerful running game of the Dolphins, and two turnovers when the Vikings were threatening, gave the Dolphins a 12-0 victory.

A no-show by the Shaw Athletic Club of N.W. gave the 90 lb. Viking Pee Wee team a victory by forfeit. Last year our team lost in the citywide playoffs, but with Rodney Lawrence and Company, the 2001 City Championship is in their sights. ■



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